

A

REVIEW

OF THE

STATE

OF THE

BRITISH NATION.

Saturday, November 6. 1708.

I Am now by the Order of my Design, and in the Course of these Papers, to shew you, whether the Dissenters in Scotland have insulted the Church or no, whether the legally called Ministers have obtain'd legal Admission or no, and whether the Church has been rabbled in these Cases of Intrusion or no.

And because I will say nothing here but by unanswerable Authorities, I give you the Complaint of the Presbytery of Ross, as it was given in to the QUEEN, and made publick again in her Majesty's Name, and by her Royal Authority ——— When the Gentlemen we are talking to please to dispute this Authority, we shall seek for some better; for as I resolve to search this Affair to the Bottom, and to fortifie it against all Manner of Cavil, I am

resolv'd also to bring you such Authorities, as no Body shall be able to defeat ——— And when this sad Story is finished, I have more without Number to follow.

A NN, By the Grace of God, Queen of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To
 Macears of our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, our Sheriffs in that Part, Conjunctly and Severally, Specially constitute, Greeting. Forasmuch as it is humbly meaned and shewn to us by our Lovit John Blair, Agent to the Kirk, and Sir James Stuart our Advocate, and by special Order of Privy-Council for our Interest. That whereby the fifth Act of the Parliament 1690, Entitled Act, Ratifying the Confession of Faith,

Faith, and settling *Presbyterian* Church Government; The *Presbyterian* Church Government and Discipline are ratified and confirm'd to be the only Government of Christ's Church within this Kingdon, which is also thereafter severall times ratified, and particularly by the second Act of the Parliament 1703. Whereby in the Case of Vacancy of any particular Paroch within the Bounds of any Presbytery, the Care and Cure of the said Paroch doth devolve upon the Presbytery for the supplying and planting thereof. In consequence whereof the Lords of our Privy-Council have ordain'd such vacant Churches to be patent, and the Keys thereof to be deliver'd to the said Presbytery. *Like as* by the Act of Parliament 1698, Entitled Act for preventing Disorders in the supplying and planting vacant Churches, for remedying the Godless Abuse of Rabbling, that so frequently happens in Opposition to Minister, orderly sent to supply vacant Churches, all Persons are strictly prohibit and discharg'd to make any Opposition by Rabble and Tumult, or any other Manner of Violence to any Ministers, lawfully authoriz'd, and sent to supply the said Vacancy; and that under the Pain of one hundred Pound upon every Heritor or Life-Renter, and of fifty Marks upon any other unlanded Person, *toties quoties*, and that such as are not able to pay, that they be punish'd in their Persons, as the Lords of Privy-Council shall see Cause. *Like as* for the better repressing of the said Rabbling and Violence, the seventh Act of the Parliament 1693, Entitled Act anent invading of Ministers, is ratified and thereto extended, with the Alterations contained in the said Act 1698. *Like as* by the same Act, the Proclamation of Council made in the Year 1690, for the delivering the Keys of the vacant Churches to the Presbyteries, or their Order, is also ratified, and full Provision made for the better Execution thereof. *And farther* by the Act of Parliament 1687, Entitled Act for Punishment of Troublers of the Kirk, and Invaders of Ministers, It is statute, that whosoever shall perturb the Order of the Kirk in Time of Divine Service, or make any Tumult, raise any Fray, either in the Kirk or Kirk-

Yard, where-thro' the People convened shall happen to be disorder'd, troubled or dispers'd, the Persons convict thereof shall tyed all their moveable Goods as Escheat, but Prejudice of greater Punishments, if there happen any greater Offence. *And farther*, that whatsoever Person or Persons invades any Minister, or puts any violent Hands on him for any forged Quarrel, shall be punish'd therefor with all Rigour, and shall incur the Tinsel and Escheat of all their Moveables. *Like as* by several Acts of Parliament the Prophanation of the Lord's-Day is most strictly prohibit under the Pains therein mentioned. *Nevertheless*, It is of Verity, that the Persons after-named are guilty of transgressing the foresaid Laws and Acts of Parliament in manner after mentioned, in so far as that Mr. *John Mica* late Incumbent at *Dingwall* having deceas'd, and the Kirk and Paroch thereof becoming thereby vacant, the United Presbytery of *Ross* and *Sutherland* having met in *January* last, did appoint Master *William Stuart* Minister of *Kilbirnie*, the next adjacent Paroch to *Dingwall*, and one of their own Number, to supply the said Vacancy the next Lord's-Day. Whereupon the said Mr. *William* did on *Saturday* the 15th of the said Month send a Letter to the Magistrates of *Dingwall*, signifying to them the said Appointment. To which Answer was return'd by *John Dingwall* late Bailly, and one of the Council of the said Burgh, That Mr. *William* should be as wellcome as any of that Sort of Ministers; and the next Day being the Lord's-Day, Mr. *Stuart* came to the said *John Dingwall's*, having none with him but a Servant, where, as he thought, he was well receiv'd, and directed by the Mistress of the House to an outer Chamber; but perceiving a Rabble of Women and Others about the Church some Hours before the ordinary Time of Worship, he call'd for his Landlord, but he could not be bid, which mov'd Mr. *Stuart* to send *Alex. Munro* of *Killichran*, one of his own Parochiners (who had followed him to hear Sermon), to the Magistrates to tell them, that if they had any Regard to God, to him, or themselves, they should come and speak with him, and compeesse the Tumult, but none of them

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were to be found. Thereafter a Multitude of Women, amongst whom were *Barbara Bayne*, Spouse to *George Mackenzie* late Bailly of *Dingwall*; *Margaret Kemp*, Spouse to *John Dingwall*, late Bailly there, and Mistress of the House where *Mr. Stuart* was lodg'd; *Isabel Dingwall*, Spouse to *Collene Macpherson* Town-Treasurer there; *F Janet* and *Isabel Dingwalls*, Daughters to the Deceas'd *Donald Dingwall*, sometime Bailly there, being Ring-leaders of the Rabble, came with Bartons, and Stones, and Clods, and surrouading the Ministers Chamber, made his outer Door fast with Nails; and when *Mr. Stuart* challeng'd them for so fastening his Door, he was answer'd with reviling Language, and going to a Window to speak to the Multitude, if possibly he could appease them, he was met with a Shower of Clods and Stones. Which Rabble and Fray was rais'd that Morning principally by one *Murdoch Mackenzie* *vie urchie*, Nephew to *Donald Dingwall* Sheriff-Officer, who came early to *Dingwall*, and warn'd all the Women in and about it to rendezvous at the Bridge-End of *Dingwall*, to oppose the *Whigs*, as he said, and that he was order'd to do so under the Pain of being fild. Master *Stuart* the Minister being in this Plight, and hearing that *Sir Robert Murray of Fowlis*, a Justice of Peace, and some others out of his own Paroch of *Kiltierne*, were come to hear Sermon, he cry'd, and requir'd the said *Sir Robert* to make Access to the Church in the most peaceable Manner, that the People that were come to hear might enter, and that thereafter he should come and relieve him; *Sir Robert* was oppos'd by the said Rabble, maltreating and beating his Servants; especially at their entring the Church-yard, five several Men and Women conven'd therefor in another Libel, and notwithstanding that *Sir Robert* requir'd them in her Majesty's Name not to interrupt Access to the Kirk. But there was no Access given, until *Sir Robert* order'd some Persons to go in at a Window, which had neither Glass nor Stanchel, and remove the Barricadoe from behind one Door of the Church, the other

Door being so strongly bolted and fastened with Nails, that it could not be moved: After this, *Sir Robert* going to relieve *Mr. Stuart* the Minister, as he brought him from the House to the Kirk, they were pursued by the Rabble, especially by the foresaid *Margaret Kemp*, and *Janet* and *Isabel Dingwalls*, casting Stones, Clods and Dirt at them; and when the Worship was begun and almost finish'd, such was the Mischief of the Rabblers, that they had gathered a Company of armed Men from the Country about, amongst whom were as chief Ring-leaders, *John Macra* *vigaliffir oig*, *Hugh Macra*, Brother to the said Deceas'd *Mr. John Macra*, late Incumbent at *Dingwall*, *Kenneth Macra* Brother German to *Fergus Macra* of *Inverienass* .. *Macra*, Son to *Christopher Macra*, Brother German to the said Deceas'd *Mr. John Macra*, all Four in the Paroch of *Kintail*, and *Murdoch Mac Gillichillim* in *Achnacbie* in the Paroch of *Urray*, Who coming with their Complices with Staves, Furks and Kebbers, so alarm'd the People in the Kirk, and at Worship, that they were all disturb'd and frighted out of the Church, except the Minister and a few with him; and then the Persons above-named seeking to enter, upon Pretence that they were coming to attend the Worship; so soon as enter'd, having only short Coats, and Arms in their Hands, the said *John Macra* *vigaliffir* came up to the Door of the Pulpit, and presented a Pistol to the Minister, threatening to kill him, until stopt by some of the Hearers. Whereupon the rest of the armed Men approached nearer, and scrambling over the Seats to get to the Pulpit, with menacing Countenances, and Arms in their Hands, they commanded *Mr. Stuart* to come down and begon, which constrain'd him to retire, while some of his Hearers put a Stop to their Fury; after which, as the Minister was withdrawing through the Church-yard, a Company of his Hearers inclosed him for his Preservation, that they might go off in Peace.

The Remainder of this will follow in our next.

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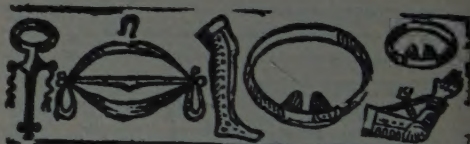
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